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SUBJ: 57TH ECOSOC--PLENARY SESSION: ITEM 12

ETHIOPIAN DROUGHT

1. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) BY LIBERIA. IN THE FOLLOWING DEBATE THE UK, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE FRG OBJECTED TO WORDING OF OPERATIVE PARAS 5 AND 7. OBJECTION TO PARA 5 BASED ON FACT THAT INVITATION FOR UNEP AND OTHERS TO UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY STUDY OF ORIGIN OF DROUGHT WAS DUPLICATIVE OF PARA 5 OF RESOLUTION FOR THE SAHEL (SEE SEPTTEL). OBJECTION TO PARA 7 BASED ON FACT THAT MEASURES TO COMBAT DROUGHT AND MEASURES RELATED TO 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA WERE QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT AND 6TH SPECIAL SESSION MEASURES, THEREFORE,

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SHOULD NOT BE IN THIS RESOLUTION.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVENTION WMO PROPOSED THAT LANGUAGE OF THE LAST PREAMBULAR PARA COULD BE IMPROVED BY SUBSTITUTING "REALIZING THAT THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREA NOW EXTENDS" IN PLACE OF "REALIZING THAT THE EXTENT OF THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREA IS CONTINUALLY SPREADING". ARGUMENT FOR THIS SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE WAS THAT IT MORE FACTUALLY ACCURATE.

3. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ETHIOPIA HAS AGREED TO MODIFY LANGUAGE OF PARA 5 BUT NOT PARA 7. DEBATE TO CONTINUE TODAY. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

4. RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

"ASSISTANCE TO THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREAS OF ETHIOPIA

"ALGERIA, BURUNDI, CONGO, EGYPT, GUINEA, IVORY COAST, KENYA, MALI, SENEGAL, UGANDA, ZAIRE, ZAMBIA:
DRAFT RESOLUTION

"ASSISTANCE TO THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREAS OF ETHIOPIA

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

"RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1833 (LVI) OF 8 MAY 1974 CONCERNING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREAS OF ETHIOPIA,

"FURTHER RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974 CONCERNING THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER PARTICULARLY SECTION X THEREOF CONTAINING THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ECONOMIC CRISIS,

"NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE ASSISTANCE FURNISHED BY MANY GOVERNMENTS, THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND PRIVATE DONORS, INCLUDING THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER
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RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR TOWARDS THE CONTAINMENT OF THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE DROUGHT IN ETHIOPIA, AS REPORTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE CO-ORDINATOR,
"FURTHER NOTING THE STRENUOUS EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA TO ALLEVIATE THE HARDSHIPS OF THE VICTIMS OF THE DROUGHT,
"REALIZING THAT THE EXTENT OF THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREA IS CONTINUALLY SPREADING TO COVER

EIGHT OF THE FOURTEEN PROVINCES OF ETHIOPIA AND THE DROUGHT IS AFFECTING THREE MILLION PEOPLE AND MILLIONS OF CATTLE IN THOSE AREAS; AND AWARE THAT AN INFESTATION OF ARMYWORMS IS CURRENTLY JEOPARDIZING THE 1974/75 CROP HARVEST,

"1. INVITES ALL MEMBER STATES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR FULLEST SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ENDEAVOURS MADE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR IN MOBILIZING EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE;

"2. REQUESTS THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR TO SUPPLY URGENTLY TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT INSECTICIDES AND OTHER SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ARMYWORM INFESTATION, AND TO CONTINUE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUCH CROP PESTS;

"3. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN COLLABORATION WITH ALL APPROPRIATE UNITED NATIONS ORGANS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TO INTENSIFY THE RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS FOR RECOVERY, REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION;

"4. APPEALS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO GIVE URGENT AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO REQUESTS THAT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE FOR GRANTS OR LOANS FOR PROJECTS DESIGNED TO REHABILITATE THE POPULATION AFFLICTED BY DROUGHT AND

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TO ENSURE THAT SUCH LOANS AND CREDITS ARE OF THE GREATEST POSSIBLE MAGNITUDE;

"5. INVITES THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES, TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY STUDY ON THE ORIGIN OF THE DROUGHT, ITS GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD AND ALL OTHER GEO-CLIMATIC FACTORS, WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF THE PHENOMENON SO AS TO BE ABLE TO COMBAT IT MORE EFFECTIVELY;

"6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION FURTHER MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TOWARDS THE ALLEVIATION OF THE EMERGENCY DROUGHT SITUATION;

"7. FURTHER REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO REPORT TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS NINETEENTH SESSION AND TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTY-NINTH SESSION ON THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIFIC MEASURES EMBODIED IN THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION."DALE

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